

COMPLETE PLANS OF PRISON CONGRESS

Managers Greeting the Delegates Who Are Arriving Today.

WELCOME ADDRESS
BY MAJOR JUDSON

American Association Closely Affiliated With International Commission.

Program of Prison Congress Sessions

Conference opens regular sessions Thursday evening with annual address of President Amos Butler, of Chicago.

Delegates to two prison conferences from all over world reach Washington from Louisville, Ky., this evening.

Sessions will be held at New Willard Hotel, with morning and evening sessions through Saturday evening.

United States revenue cutter Apache loaned to visitors for trip down the Potomac to Mt. Vernon.

With more than 100 delegates to the American Prison Association expected to arrive in Washington tonight on a special train from Louisville, Ky., and an additional 100 delegates and representatives of foreign countries scheduled to reach here tomorrow morning, practically every detail is complete for the opening of the annual convention in the assembly room of the New Willard Hotel tomorrow evening.

It was announced today by Robert La Dow, of the Department of Justice and a member of the local committee in charge of arrangements, that Major William Vernon Judson, Engineer Commissioner of the District, will make the address of welcome.

Announcement was also made today that the local committee desires the public be not misled in differentiating between the two congresses which are to meet beginning tomorrow night.

The one which opens tomorrow evening is the American Prison Association, composed solely of wardens and other officials of Federal and State penal institutions and American scientists interested in sociological problems.

Are Closely Affiliated. The International Prison Commission delegates to which will come from all over the civilized world, will begin its meetings Monday morning in the auditorium of the New National Museum. The two organizations are closely affiliated, some members of the American association being members also of the International Prison Commission.

Another announcement was made today that through the courtesy of Attorney General Wickham and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, the two States revenue cutter Apache has been secured by the local committee on arrangements to take the delegates and visitors down the Potomac to Mt. Vernon.

The Thursday night meeting will be open to the public. Following Commissioner Judson's welcoming speech, Amos W. Butler, of Indianapolis, Ind., president of the association, will make his annual address. The formal report of the committee on discharged prisoners will be made by the chairman, F. A. Whittier, superintendent of the Minnesota State Training School for Boys, at Red Wing, Minn. A general discussion of the subject will follow.

Friday's program will be a business session of wardens, chaplains, physicians and governing boards of penal institutions at 9 o'clock; a business meeting of auxiliary associations at 9:30 o'clock; and at 10 o'clock the report of the standing committee on reformatory work, by the chairman, James A. Leonard, superintendent of the State Reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio. General discussions of the subject will conclude the morning sessions. The Friday evening session will begin at 8 o'clock with the report of the standing committee on criminal law reform by Albert H. Hall, of Minneapolis, Minn.

The Closing Session. The program of regular business will close with the Saturday evening session. At the morning session there will be a business meeting, at which there will probably be held the annual election of officers.

At 10 o'clock Dr. G. W. Benham, warden of the State Prison at Auburn, N. Y., will read the report of the committee on prison discipline. The evening session will be devoted to the reading of the report of the chairman of the committee on prevention and probation, George L. Schon, superintendent of the Kentucky Children's Home Society. The delegates to the American Prison Association will join with the delegates to the International Prison Commission at the New Willard Hotel Sunday morning and attend services at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, where the pastor, the Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, will preach the annual conference sermon.

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PRESIDENT RECEIVES POSTAL BANK PLANS

Details Will Be Discussed With Members of Cabinet.

As chairman of the board of trustees of the postal savings bank system, Postmaster General Hitchcock today presented for the consideration of the President and the Cabinet the complete plans for the new postal savings bank system as drafted by the committee of postal experts that have been working upon them all summer.

These plans were accepted by the board of trustees after a meeting which lasted until 2 o'clock this morning. The entire scheme is presented in the data laid before the President today down to the most minute details.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has several times gone over them while they were in the making, and Secretary Wood, of the board of trustees, has explained them to Secretary MacVeagh.

The President had several conferences upon the subject while at Beverly, so that the Cabinet is now quite familiar with the general outlines of the plan and little trouble is anticipated in getting their approval.

Various Plans Submitted. The plans were carried to the White House in Mr. Hitchcock's portfolio in a score of big official envelopes. Samples of every proposed form for the certificates deposit have been made, and the methods of operation are set forth just as they are to be explained to the postmaster.

No bank books are to be used. Receipts for deposits will be made in two ways, by stamps and by certificates. The stamps represent 10 cents each, and in conjunction with them the depositor buys a postal card for 10 cents, which represents that amount of deposit and formally opens up an account with Uncle Sam.

These cards hold stamps amounting to a dollar, and when filled are turned over to the postmaster in exchange for a dollar certificate. The certificates are issued in value from one dollar to \$100, and from that upward in multiples of ten. It is proposed to purchase cash registers, which will register the amount of deposit and automatically print the certificates of deposit in duplicate, so that with one push of a button a postmaster can register a deposit in duplicate and receipt for it.

Must Avoid Counterfeiting. One difficulty met with is to provide a stamp cheap enough to allow Uncle Sam to handle a 10-cent deposit without a loss and yet at the same time get one not easily counterfeited.

By the law creating this banking system, the Government is only allowed a quarter of 1 per cent on which to operate the system. The present stamp represents a loss to the Government, but it is considered by the postal authorities that the stimulus to open an account will make up for the loss.

HOSPITAL OFFICERS SEARCH FOR SOLDIER

Searching parties from the Government Hospital for the Insane and the Washington police are today endeavoring to locate Roscoe Conkling, a young soldier, who last night removed the bars from his window in Beach ward and lowered himself to the ground by means of a rope made of his bedclothes.

Conkling was the second prisoner to make an escape yesterday. Mrs. Mary Yingling was the first. She left the hospital grounds about noon and late last night was found wandering in the woods of Congress Heights.

According to Dr. Schwinn, of the hospital staff, Conkling possessed himself of a screw driver several days ago, and, waiting his chance, after the retiring hour last night removed the bars from his window in Beach ward. After gaining the ground by means of the ropes he made from his sheet and blanket, he had made a good start and has not been recaptured.

Scandinavian, who was missing from the hospital, was recaptured yesterday by Policeman Brooks, of the Eleventh precinct.

RESERVE OF BANKS IS OVER BILLION

National banks throughout the United States are in a healthy condition, according to reports in response to the call of the Comptroller of the Currency on September 1.

The total reserve was \$1,347,713,686, which was \$75,000,000 above the amount required to be held in reserve. Since September, 1909, loans and discounts increased \$38,272,288.80, individual deposits \$18,763,257.36, and total resources \$251,227,679.82.

SINGER'S VILLA ENTERED.

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EUROPEAN BANKERS COMING TO CAPITAL

A delegation of European bankers is expected here this fall to try to effect a solution of the question of the non-acceptance by European banks of American cotton bills of lading.

These bills have been declined by European banks since the discovery of forged bills upon the failure of an Alabama firm of cotton brokers several months ago.

Comptroller of the Currency Murray has been asked by American banks for permission to guarantee these bills in compliance with the demands of foreign banks, but he has consistently refused.

The question is important to European banks in view of the fact that the cotton crop this year will reach \$50,000,000, and that most of it will go to that country.

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